

Rumson Country Day School
2020 Summer Reading Entering 7th Grade:

Rising 7th Graders must read FOUR books over the summer.

Required Reading for Social Studies:

Lamb & Yousafzai, *I Am Malala*

Required Reading for Literature Class:

Lowry, *The Giver* Or Lowry/Russell, *The Giver* (Graphic Novel)

In addition to *I Am Malala* and *The Giver*, students will choose TWO summer reading books from the following list:

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Bradbury, The Illustrated Man

Card, Ender's Game

Dunn, Ella Minnow Pea

Farmer, The House of the Scorpion

Goldman, The Princess Bride

Munoz Ryan, Echo

Sanderson, Elantris

Realistic Fiction

Buyea, Mr. Terupt Falls Again

Buyea, Because of Mr. Terupt

Chopra, Fire in the Heart

Horvath, My One Hundred Adventures

Lipsyte, The Contender

Pearson, The Scribbler of Dreams

Potok, The Chosen

Reynolds, As Brave as You

Soto, Baseball in April and Other Stories

Voight, Homecoming

Non-fiction

Crothers, The Queen of Katwe

Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl

Hickam, Rocket Boys (a.k.a. October Sky)

Hillenbrand, Unbroken (YA edition)

Hillenbrand, Seabiscuit

Tammet, Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant

Thornton, The Ditchdigger's Daughters

Mystery

Brown, The DaVinci Code (YA edition)

Christie, And Then There Were None

Mystery (continued)

Christie, Murder on the Orient Express

L'Engle, The Young Unicorns

Historical Fiction

Anderson, Fever 1793

Fast, April Morning

Meissner, A Fall of Marigolds

Otsuko, When the Emperor Was Divine

Ryan, Esperanza Rising

Sepetys, Salt to the Sea

Wein, Code Name Verity

Zusack, The Book Thief

Classics

Alcott, Little Women
Austen, Pride and Prejudice
Doyle, The Adventures of Sherlock
Holmes
Hansberry, A Raisin in the Sun
Hinton, The Outsiders
Knowles, A Separate Peace

Poetry/Verse

Alexander, Booked
Woodson, Brown Girl
Dreaming

Graphic Novel

Lewis, March I*
Spiegelman, Maus
Stevenson, Nimona

* Any title in the series is acceptable.

Some of the novels on this list have been produced as films. While there is value in viewing a director's interpretation of a novel, it cannot replace an individual's reading experience. Readers, especially middle school students, remember their first encounter with literature more accurately in the written form. Therefore, it is imperative that any novel on this list be read BEFORE a movie is seen.

**Reading 30 minutes per day will
maintain one's reading level.
Reading more could boost one's reading
level.**